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Letter dated 2 January 200* from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to unfortunately respond to another pack of pathetic lies contained in the letter dated 28 December 2000 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1245).

As expressed in my recent correspondence with the Security Council (S/2000/1244), it looks as if the campaign of misinformation against Rwanda is in full gear. Two points to make: firstly, Rwanda has no army at all on the territory of Zambia and therefore cannot attack from Zambia's territory. To this end, I invite the representative of the Congo and those backing him in this campaign to closely study the maps of his country and its neighbours and make the simplest sense out of it. As for the rest, I leave it to Zambians to talk for themselves and the United Nations agencies and other organizations present in the region to speak out. Secondly, Rwanda has never cooperated with the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) and has no intention of doing so. The Rwandese Patriotic Army cannot therefore fight alongside UNITA.

I seriously hope that the Security Council will find a way of stopping clear, deliberate lies from Member States being sadly called documents of the Security Council. Verified and/or verifiable facts should be a key element of such an exercise, so as to get rid of some consuming garbage in our Organization's publications.

I would be grateful if this letter could be translated and circulated to members for their information as a document of the Security Council.

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